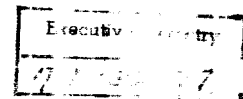


CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20505

COMPT



The Honorable Zbigniew Brzezinski  
Assistant to the President for  
National Security Affairs  
The White House  
Washington, D.C.

FEB 1977

Dear Dr. Brzezinski:

In response to a request from the National Security Council Staff, we have furnished a copy of the Central Intelligence Agency Congressional Budget submission for Fiscal Year 1978 to Col. Robert Rosenberg for you and Mr. Aaron to use as necessary in the fulfillment of your responsibilities as they relate to the conduct of the National Foreign Intelligence Programs. In the preparation of this document, we have made every effort to comply with the suggestions and instructions of the Congressional Committees and their Staffs for the inclusion of more elaborate information about substantive accomplishments and performance evaluation.

The changes and additions we have made make this the most comprehensive and highly sensitive budget document we have ever prepared or presented. I know you will share my concern that it be afforded the most careful protection we can give it. Toward that end we would like to be able to ensure that the budget document be made available only to those few individuals whose duties and responsibilities absolutely require that they be given access. We feel it necessary to request that reproduction, in whole or in part, be prohibited and that notes taken or information extracted from it be controlled with equal stringency and destroyed when they have served their purposes. When it is no longer required for continuing day-to-day use, we would like it to be returned to the Agency for appropriate disposition. If there are likely to be a number of consecutive days when access to the budget document will not be required, we will be pleased to arrange for it to be picked up and returned to the Headquarters Building for retention until such time as its use may be required again.

*White House*

STAT



SECRET

As you know from the letter the CFI addressed to the Chairmen of the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations and the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence sent on 19 January, special arrangements are being made to protect the information and ensure ready access to it by the Congressional Committees and their Staffs. Similar arrangements can be made if they would serve to ease the burden of responsibility for custodianship of the document furnished to Col. Rosenberg.

May I offer you the assurance that the Central Intelligence Agency will cooperate fully in the establishment and implementation of procedures deemed appropriate to ensure that our Congressional Budget submission is given adequate protection while at the same time ensuring that it is fully available for the necessary study and use of the custodian.

Sincerely,

*E. H. Knoche*

E. H. Knoche  
Acting Director

Orig - Addressee  
2 - A/DCI  
1 - ER  
1 - OLC  
1 - Asst./DCI/Mr. Lapham